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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**PENAIR RESTORES PASSENGER FLIGHTS TO KLAMATH FALLS  
WITH SERVICE TO PORTLAND, OR**

**ANCHORAGE –October 5, 2016** – PenAir and Portland International Airport announce that the PenAir will begin offering nonstop service from Portland to Klamath Falls, OR on October 5, 2016. The new nonstop service will consist of two flights per day Monday through Friday, with once-a-day service on weekends between PDX and Crater Lake - Klamath Regional Airport. There will be an official ribbon cutting at the Portland International Airport on October 5, 2016 with official remarks and the ribbon cutting to begin at 12:10 pm.

Klamath Falls is the newest destination for PenAir in the Pacific Northwest since starting service in September of 2015 between Portland, OR and Crescent City, CA. Klamath Falls lost passenger air service in June of 2014 when SkyWest left the market. The effort to start air service once again in Klamath Falls was complicated by the need to re-federalize the Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport in order for TSA to be able to provide passenger screening services. PenAir, standing in the wings, was ready with an announcement of service as soon as the TSA confirmed that they were returning to Klamath Falls.

“The community of Klamath Falls never wavered and the Crater Lake - Klamath Regional Airport worked around the clock to restore service for their residents. The community and PenAir have been working jointly at providing awareness of our new service since we announced we were coming, back in April of this year”, says Dave Hall, the company’s COO. “PenAir realizes the need for dependable air service to Portland, OR from Klamath Falls and we plan to provide just that”.

“The return of air service on October 5th will be a great day for Klamath Falls and it is the result of the combined effort of our entire community, including our Congressional delegation, that was instrumental in getting the airport re-federalized. The fact that Senator Wyden will be on the inaugural flight departing Klamath Falls and Senator Merkley plans to attend the ribbon cutting in Portland and be on the inaugural arrival into Klamath Falls is a testament of their dedication to this community,” says Crater Lake - Klamath Regional Airport Director, John Barsalou. “They have worked hard for not just Klamath Falls but for every small community throughout the United States by supporting the Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016 which brought back daily scheduled passenger service to the community of Klamath and its surrounding area. We could not be more elated.”

“We are very excited that this critical transportation link between Portland and the Klamath Falls area has been restored today,” said Port of Portland Executive Director Bill Wyatt. “We applaud and appreciate the partnerships that made this happen, from our congressional representatives, to the Transportation Security Administration, to our friends at the Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport and, of course, the air carrier serving this route—PenAir.”

Celebrating 60 plus years of service, PenAir, was founded in 1955 in Bristol Bay, Alaska. Today, PenAir is one of the largest operators of Saab 340 turboprop aircraft in the country and the oldest family-owned regional airline. PenAir currently serves 10 communities in southwest Alaska. They also operate scheduled flights between Boston and Presque Isle, ME, Plattsburgh, NY and Bar Harbor, ME, which started in 2012. In 2015 the company started service out of Portland, OR to North Bend/Coos Bay, OR, Crescent City, CA, Arcata/Eureka, CA, Redding CA, & Klamath Falls, OR. PenAir recently started a hub in Denver, CO where they are currently operating to Liberal & Dodge City, KS and soon (November 1) to Kearney, NE, North Platte, NE & Scottsbluff, NE.

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